THE CANAL BILL WILL PASS PIRST STEPS TOWARD ITS PASSAGE TAKEN IN THE SENATE.

paters Brown. Higgins, Malby and Baines Oppose Action Without Avail Senator Higgins Denounces the Watkins Glen Park Scheme as a Steal-Senate Defeats a Woman Suffrage Bill. ALBANY, April 4 .- All doubt as to the fate the bill appropriating \$200,000 for a surrer of the three routes for the proposed improved canal was dissipated to-night when the rst steps toward its passage were taken in the Senate, and to-morrow morning the Senate bill will be passed, despite the opposition of the representatives of the counties not touched by the canals. The bill has been slumbering in committee since its introduction. the Senate Finance Committee refused to report it out. To-day Republican leader Ellsworth saw that something must be done and a meeting of the Committee on Rules was called. The Committee is composed of Senators Ellsworth, Raines and Grady, A report was made to the Senate, Senator Raines dissenting, to suspend the rules and take up the bill for final passage. Owing to the lateness of the hour it was deemed best not to have a long discussion, but Senator Raines said that the procedure of the Committee on Rules was powarranted, and he bitterly opposed any further appropriations for the canal, which he

termed an old ditch which was useless. Before the motion to adopt the report could be put Senator Armstrong moved to adjourn. This was defeated by a vote of 27 to 19. Sena-tors Brown, Higgins, Malby and Raines spoke in opposition to any action being taken on the report, which was to show the strength of the canal and anti-canal men. Senators Marshall, Grady and Ellsworth argued in favor of appropriating the amount so as to determine the feasibility of continuing the State system in an improved condition. The report of the Committee on Rules was adopted by a vote of 31 to 16. Those voting in favor of the report and putting themselves on record for the continuation and Improvement of the State waterway in accordance with the recommendations Gov. Roosevelt's Canal Commission were: Senators Coggeshall, D. F. Davis. G. A. Davis, Ellsworth, Elsberg, Feeter, Ford, Johnson, Marshall, Parsons, Stranthan and Willis, Republicans, and Ahern, Coffey, Cullen, Donnelly, Douglas, Foley, Grady, Graney, Havens, LaRoche, Mackey, Martin, McCarren, Mitchell, Munzinger. Plunkitt, Ramsperger, Rice and Wagner, Demo-

kitt, Ramsperger, Rice and Wagner, Democrats.

Aftershe vote, and before anything could be done toward the final assage of the bill, Senator Raines moved an adjournment, but it was defeated. A parliamentary discussion followed as to what had become of the bill, Senator Higgins claiming that it was still in the possession of the Finance Committee. The Lieutenant-Governor ruled that it was on the desk and in the possession of the House. More parliamentary points were raised and as it was so late that the subject could not be discussed, it was thought best to adjourn, with the understanding that the bill will be the first business to-morrow morning. It was then discovered that a motion to adjourn had already been made, and how to get around the rules to make another motion while the question was still pending baffled the parliamentarians. After discussing this phase of the question unanimous consent to adjourn was secured. The bill will be passed in the Assembly to-morrow, as the Committee on Rules will report it as soon as it is received from the Senate.

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A sensation was created in the Senate to-day when Senator Higgins, Chairman of the Finance Committee, denounced as a steal the bill introduced by Senator Willis, appropriating \$10,273 to purchase lands for the Watkins Glen State reservation. Of this amount \$85,000 is to secure lands and personal property owned by Mrs. C. C. Butter-Shiverick. Senator Willis moved that the Finance Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the bill, but after Senator Higgins's attack on the measure the motion was defeated by a vote of 30 to 9.

"The \$85,000 to be paid for one of these pieces of property," said Senator Higgins, "is a steal, and the woman who owns it is a widow who lives in New York city, Certain parties have gone to that woman and made a contract with her for the purchase of that property at \$48,000 and 20 per cent, of any additional sum that they could get the Legislature to appropriate for that purpose, and the effect in passing this bill; is to enable certain parties to get the profit over and above the \$48,000, up to and including the sum of \$85,000, the amount contained in the bill for the purchase of this woman's property. I don't know of any bill that has come to this Legislature that

to and including the sum of \$85,000, the amount contained in the bill for the purchase of this woman's property. I don't know of any bill that has come to this Legislature that seeks to rob the State Treasury more directly than this bill does. I am not telling matters of hearsay. These statistics come to me directly from the poor woman who owns the land, and not only have they got the contract from her, based on \$48,000 for the purchase of this property, but they have already brought action to foreclose a second mortgage on this property for the purpose of preventing her from withdrawing from the agreement which she had made with them. That woman has been here within the last week practically in tears, owing to the fact of this combination attempting to rob her of her property in this manner, and I certainly think that the bill should not be passed."

Senator Willis denied there was any jobbery connected with the bill.

The Sonate to-day by a vote of 23 to 19 refused to suspend the rules in order that Assemblyman Kelsey's bill, enabling women property owners to vote in towns and 'villages upon all tax propositions, might be advanced and passed out of its order. Those voting in the negative were; Senators Ahearn, Brown, Chahoon, Cofley, Donnelly, Goodsell, Grady, Krum, Laroche, Martin, McCarren, Mitchell, Munzinger, Plunkitt, Ramsperger, Stranahan, Thornton, wagner and White.

It requires twenty-six votes to suspend the rules and a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to suspend the rules was deteated was tabled. Senators Humphrey, Coggeshall and Armstrong spoke in favor of the bill and is senator Grady against.

The bill providing that all private charitable institutions, except those for the deaf, dumb and bilned and mutual benefit associations' homes, shall be subject to the visitation and haspection of the State Board of Charities, came up in the Assembly to-day and was amended, thus delaying its passage, While Commodor Filbridge. Terry calains that his society is not a charitable one, yet he op

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this bill, and Tammany Hall is aiding him in his opposition.
The amendment was introduced by Mr. N. Tavior P. Phillips (Dem.) of New York, who said that the provision exempting mutual benefit institutions was not clear enough, and that as the bill stool the Masonic Home in Utea could be inspected and visited by the board. His amendment was estensibly to make the provision more clear so as not to include the Masonic Home. Under the belief that mutual benefit institutions were included in the jurisdation of the board a number of Republicans voted for the amendment, which was adopted by a vote of 79 to 44. The bill will be reprinted.

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Harburger: Dem. lot New York voted for the Busendment, Mr. Harburger's attitude has been a mystery to all. Early in the session he introduced three bills which he claimed "would put tierry out of business." These bills have been sumbering peacefully in committee ever since their introduction, and Mr. Harburger has made no move to get them out. He now amnounces that he will vote against all bills alimed at the Gerry society. Mr. Stewart was the only Democrat to vote against the amend-

tor Armstrong and Assemblyman M. E. Senator Armstrong and Assemblyman M. E. lewis have introduced a bill smending the francy law by providing that in Presidential years the annual primary day shall be held on the berth instead of the seventh Tuesday before election, which will be in August. The bill will be enacted into a law at once under an emergency message from the Governor.

The Assembly to-day, by a vote of lift to 18, killed Mr. Bettelf's bill, requiring the examination and licensing of stationary engineers and providing for the appointment of a State Examiner of stationary engineers, who was to appoint eighteen deputy examiners to be lived among the publical districts of the among the judicial districts of the

Pripp's bill, which amends the Krum taw of last year by adding the Chi-ck Island and Pacific Ra Iroad and the Rational of New Jersey to the list of 5 in which the savings banks of this 17 invest in the first merigaze bonds, sed by the Assembly by a vote of 83 to 1 it not been for so many members 5 their votes on the call for absentees, void hay been killed.

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It is a bill, making it easier to secure a nominations by reducing the ignatures required, was passed in y by a vote of 105 to 6. The bill at in cities of the first class only res to a petition are required to independent candidate; in cities and class, 250, and in third-class. The number now provided for by get one-balf in each instance for

ate nominations, mbly by a party vote passed Sena-s bil, providing that where a local a Commissioner has been removed in charges preferred by the State - Commission the vacancy shall be a State Commission instead of by

the desirable associations formed through using the advertising columns of The Sus. A reader of the sterio, final passage Asson-

blyman Hill's bill, providing that on a second trial of a defendant the testimony of a witness who testified on the first trial, but who is absent from the State, may be read; and Assemblyman Metzler's bill, providing that not more than 25, per cent, interest a month shall be charged by money lenders who advance moneys on employee's salaries.

THE POSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DEFINED.

Solicitor General Richards Holds That the Constitution Does Not Extend to the

Mr. Fallows's, increasing the salary of the confidential cierks of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Second Judicial district from \$1,800 to \$2,000. Mr. Metaulie's providing that the persons drawn to act as jurors in the New York city Municipal Court must be residents of the district for which they are selected.

Mr. Bedell's, authorizing a street surface railroad except in New York city, to abandon a part of its route.

Mr. Morris's, relieving the Hebrew Infant Asylum of New York city from 1808 taxes.
Mr. Gardiner's, making the office of Supervisor in Monroe county a salaried one.
Mr. Degraw's, increasing to 5 per cent, the annual State tax imposed upon foreign bankers doing business here.

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Mr. Bedell's, providing that air brakes need only be placed on enough ears to control the train instead of on every car.

The Assembly passed these bills:

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Mr. Davis's, incorporating the American Institute of Music in New York city.

Senate Committee on Finance bill, appropriating \$1,000,000 for buildings, repairs and improvements to the State Hospital for the Insane.

Senator McCarren's, authorizing an appropriation of \$50,000 for maintenance of the night schools of the borough of Brooklyn this year.

Mr. Remsen's, ceding to the Government a pail of Harf Island in Long Island Sound for the site of a lighthouse.

Mr. Harnes's, requiring a night watchman in all hotels exceeding four stories in height.

Senator Ford's, making it a misdemeanor to manufacture gunpowder, dynamite, liquid or compressed air or gases, except acetylene gas and other gases for illuminating purposes, firewerks, benzine or other explosives in a tenement or dwelling house.

Senator Wilcox's, appropriating \$211,272 for the support of the State prisons.

Senator Grady's, providing that any bridge corporation may be merged with any railroad corporation which shall have acquired the right by contract to run its cars over the bridge.

The Senate to-day repassed by a party vote Assemblyman Galbraith's Greater Troy bill, which was rejected by the Troy Common

The Senate to-day repassed by a party vote Assemblyman Galbraith's Greater Troy bill, which was rejected by the Troy Common Council. The bill now goes to the Governor. The following bills were passed by the Senate over Mayor Van Wyck's veto: Assemblyman Doughty's Anti-Barren Island Nuisance bill: Assemblyman Wilson's, extending the Brooklyn pier bulkhead line; Assemblyman Remsen's, providing for a field survey of the Thirty-second ward in the borough of Brooklyn.

Thirty-second ward in the borough of Brooklyn.

Under an emergency message from the Governor the Senate passed senator Higgins's bill appropriating \$30,000 to pay the expenses of prosecutions before New York special Grand Juries conducted by the Attorney-General.

Both houses of the Legislature have passed the bill abolishing the State Statutory Revision Commission and providing for a legal adviser to the Governor at a salary of \$5,000. It is expected that Commissioner Charles Z. Lincoln will be appointed by the Governor under the provisions of this bill, which will be signed.

Assemblyman Trainor's bills, increasing the salary of the New York city municipal court Justices, was received for concurrence in the Senate and ordered to a third reading without reference.

eference. Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff has succeeded in over-Lieut. Gov. Woodruff has succeeded in overcoming the opposition to Senator Raines's
bill, which provides that the Racquette Lake
Railroad Company may operate its road by
steam power generated through the use of oli
in order to prevent forest conflagrations. This
bill has been amended in both houses by providing that the company operating the road
should not exact a fare exceeding two cents a
mile. This amendment was stricken out in the
Senate and the bill passed by a vote of 27 to 19.
Its passage by the Assembly seems assured.
The bill is aimed to afford easy access to a
number of camps in the Adirondacks owned by
prominent New Yorkers.
Senator Ford's Silver Lake Park bill, which
was passed over Mayor Van Wyck's veto by
the Senate, was also passed over his veto
the Governor.

the Assembly by a party vote, and now goes to the Governor.

Both branches of the Legislature have passed over Mayor Van Wyck's veto the Davis New York City School Teachers' Salary Schedule bill, and the measure now goes to Gov. Roosevelt, whose approval is expected.

The Senate has passed over Mayor Van Wyck's veto Assemblyman Fallows's Assistant Pallows's Assistant Pallows's Assistant Pallows's City Water Contract bill and the Fallows bill, providing for the publication in the City Record twice a year a list of New York city employees.

Gov. Roosevelt announced to-night that he would sign the Fallows anti-Ramapo bill as soon as it reached him.

JAPANESE FURNITURE NOVELTIES. Are Made at Elmira Reformatory.

ALBANY, April 4. - At the hearing before the State Court of Claims to-day of the claim against the State of the F. H. Mills Company for \$137,047 for losses which the company claims to have sustained through a contract made with the State in 1833 for the employment of 100 inmates of the Elmira Reformatory in the manufacture of the Elmira Reformatory in the manufacture of furniture for five years, testimony was produced which would tend to throw discredit upon the genuineness of much of the Japanese furniture novelties claimed to be imported for sale in this country. T. C. Beach, who was superintendent of the furniture plant for the Milis Company, testified that the company had manufactured large quantities of tabourettes and tables from Japanese patterns for one of the large New York city houses dealing in Japanese ware.

COMPTROLLER COLER IN ALBANY. He Thanks the Governor for Aiding Legis-

lation for the Benefit of This City. ALBANY, April 4. - Comptroller Bird S. Coler and Mr. R. Ross Appleton of Brooklyn called on Gov . Roosevelt at the Executive Chamber to-day. Comptroller Coler said his visit was in the interest of the bill which has passed the Senate to enable the New York Rapid Transit Commission to build tunnels to Brooklyn. The Commission to build tunnels to Brooklyn. The Comptreller said he expected the bill to pass the Assembly. It was acceptable to the city. The important provision in it enabled him to float enough additional bonds to provide for the extensions to Brooklyn. The Comptreller added that his visit to Albany was also taken at this time for the purpose of thanking the Governor or aiding legislation in which he, as Comptreller, was interested. He said Gov. Roosevelt had helped the city of New York and he was entitled to credit for it.

Bills Signed by the Governor. ALBANY, April 4 .- Gov. Roosevelt has signed the following bills:

Mr. Sloane's, providing for the issue [of \$170,000 additional paying bonds in Mount Vernon. Mr. Sloane's, providing that assessment bonds in Mount Vernon shall mature at times to be prescribed Mount vernon shall matter a time to be be to be the common Council.

Mr. Darrison's, providing that the election for city officers in Lockport shall be held hereafter on the same day with the general State election instead of in the spring, and extending the term of all elective and appointive officers now in office until Dec. 31 next or until their successors have been chosen and have qualified.

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Mr. Miller's, authorizing the Eric county Board of Supervisors to take as a site for the Sixty fifth Regiment Armory the old private burying ground on Masten, between Best and North streets, Buffalo, Senator G. A. Davis's, authorizing the Buffalo Par's Commissioners to set apart for the use of the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy land in Delaware Park for the construction of permanent art buildings.

The Tenement House Bill Signed. ADBANY, April 4 .- Gov. Roosevelt has signed the bill authorizing him to appoint a commission to investigate the tenement house problem of New York and Buffalo, and providing that the commission shall report to the next Legis'ature a new code of tenement house laws. An appropriation of \$10,000 is made for the expenses of the commission.

New Railroad in Staten Island.

ALBANY, April 4 .- The State Railroad Commission to-day granted the application of mission to-day granted the application of the Southfield Beach Railroad Company for permission to construct its line on Staten Island. The proposed road is to run between South Beach and Midland Beach, and will be less than two miles long.

The Sidney Glass Works Burned.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. April 4.-The Sidney Glass Works at Sidney were destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning. The night watchman of the building was engaged in warming several cans of oil near the furnace in the dry kiln when one of the cans exploded throwing kiin when one of the cans exploded throwing burning oil in all directions and enveloping him in riumes. The watchman saved himself by jumping into a tub of water standing near, but the main building, engine room and dry kiln were destroyed, together with the packing room and offices containing valuable papers and accounts of the company. The storehouse, which contained a quantity of goods ready to ship, and several small buildings connecting with the plant were saved. The total insurance on the plant is \$60,000; the loss is placed at \$25,000.

Plans were filed with Building Commissioner Brady yesterday by L. L. Barnard, architect, for the enlargement of the restaurant of the Grand Central station at the southwest corner of Fark avenue and Forty-second street. The improvement is to cost \$1,500.

There Is No Disputing

Constitution Does Not Extend to the Island Without Action by Congress. WASHINGTON, April 4 .- The position of the Department of Justice on the question whether the Constitution of the United States extends over Puerto Rico and the other nsular possessions of the United States was lisclosed to-day by a brief in a test case filed in the Supreme Court by Solicitor-General Richards, who contends that the Constitution toes not apply to the island without action by

The case is that of Ramon Ruez, who was sentenced by the Military Court at Humacoa to two months' imprisonment for illegal voting. His counsel applied to the Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus and for a review of the case by the Supreme Court. In his brief the Solicitor General says while Puerto Rico has been ceded to the United States, yet Congress has yet taken no action toward organizing the territory or applying to it the Constitution and laws of the United States.

"The President," he says, "is therefore still in control, acting through the War Department. The occupation is a military occupation. The so-called courts are the mare agencies of the military power. Everything is provisional and temporary. The Department of Justice of the United States is not in operation in Puerto Rico. The Supreme Court has no jurisdiction of the case presented." two months' imprisonment for illegal voting.

PUERTO RICO LABORER MAY LAND. Treasury Department Prefers to Test His Status by Suing the Contractor.

WASHINGTON, April 4 .- Secretary Gage today sent the following telegram to Commissioner of Immigration Fitchie of New York as a provisional settlement of the case of a native Puerto Rican who was brought into this country to test the validity of the alien contract labor law as applied to one of the new possesions of the United States:

"You will allow Jorge Cruz to land, the Department reserving the right to deport him at any time within one year and to bring suit for \$1,000 penalty agaist the person or corporation assisting, encouraging or soliciting him to come in under a contract. It appears that Cruz came without knowledge that he was in Cruz came without knowledge that he was in violation of law, if he be here in violation of law. It further appears that he was brought here to make a moot case, and not in good faith as a contract laboror. This being an isolated case, public interests are not affected by allowing him to land subject to future deportation. Legislation now pending in Congress may change present status. Department prefers to test question by bringing suit to recover penalty imposed by law upon the person who brought Cruz into this country under contract. The latter will be referred to the Department of Justice with request to take such action in this direction as case may justify.

"I. J. GAGE, Secretary."

Judge Lacombe granted yesterday in this case a writ of habeas corpus directed to the Commissioner of Immigration and returnable

PUERTO RICO BILL IN THE HOUSE, Ways and Means Committee Discuss Plans to Secure Its Passage.

WASHINGTON, April 4 .- A meeting of the Republican members of the Committee on Ways and Means, with the exception of Mr. McCall of dassachusetts, who on this subject has parted from his political associates, was held this afternoon, at which the Puerto Rican bill as passed by the Senate was under consideration. Under the rules it has been referred to that committee by the Speaker upon its receipt by the House. No action was taken, for one reason, that in the absence of Messris. Hopkins of Illinois and Tawney of Minnesota, and the defection of Mr. McCall, the majority has not votes enough to get the bill out of committee. Matters of policy were discussed and various plans suggested, but for the same reason nothing was decided upon. The general impression is that a conference will be held, probably early next week, or as soon as the attendance of absent members can be secured.

Whether or not the bill will be brought into the House under alspecial order, to be reported by the Committee on Rules, is a subject of discussion. The probabilities are that no rule will be reported. Notwithstanding the apparent obstacles to the passage of the bill, Republican leaders asserted to-day their confident belief that the bill will become a law. the rules it has been referred to that committee

She's Accused of Burning the House From Which She Was Evicted. HACKENSACK, N. J., April 4 .- Sheriff Van Buskirk and Lawyer Clifford B. Read after three attempts last week succeeded in dispossessing Kaisia Ann Storms, who with an invalid daughter occupied a 100-acre farm near Oakland. James W. Gillies, a brick manufacturer, foreclosed a mortgage and then sold the premises to Reinhart Deuschen of Paterson. Yesterday morning the house and barns on the property were in ashes and a

barns on the property were in ashes and a warrant was issued by Justice Smith of Wyck-off, charging Mrs. Storms with firing them. Constable Peter Haring started after her, but had not returned late this evening.

When the Sheriff first went to evict her Mrs. Storms declared that she had been cheated and would not go. The Sheriff and the lawyer moved a part of her goods on each visit but were driven off by her. Last week they carried the two women out bodily, placing them in a covered wagon, and Mr. Read started to find somebody to give them shelter. Fifteen persons, including a brother of Mrs. Storms at Oakland and a daughter in Paterson, refused to receive them. At length a family agreed to keep them over night for \$3. The poormaster of Franklin county was notified, but Mrs. Storms would not go with him.

Library and Other Personal Property to Go

to Bis Sons if They Become Rabbis. CINCINNATI, April 4.- The will of the late Rabbi Isaac M. Wise gives \$500 to the Hebrew Union College and \$300 to the Bene Yeshurum Congregation for placing the names of Theresa. his first wife; Selma, the second wife, and his own on the memorial tablet of the congregation. To his son, Jonah, if he should become a rabbi, the library is given, with silver goblets. pitchers &c., which were presented to the rabbi, with all memorials, testimonials and resolutions. If Isaac Jr. should enter the ministry, the bequest is to be shared with him, and istry, the bequest is to be shared with him, and if both adopt another vocation, these tributes are to go to the Hebrew Union College.

All household goods and furnitare are given to the widow. The handsome Mound street residence which was a present to the Rabbi a few years ago from his congregation, is bequeathed in trust to the widow till death, when it shall be sold and the proceeds divided among the children. The balance of the estate is given in trust to pay the income to the widow for life. The will is dated March 8, 1834.

TO RUSH SUBWAY WORK.

Contractor McDonald Only Waiting Until He Examines Sub-Contract Bids. The Rapid Transit Commission will meet today and if there is the necessary attendance

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Builer was taken before Commissioner
Shields, who held him in \$1,500 ball for examination on April 10. He admits having the
property, but says he bought k in good faith
from a man named Mitchell.

TIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

visits this portearly this month her officers and men are to be elaborately entertained by New York's Greek colony, which now numbers many influential men. New York is so cosmopolitan that a warship from any nation which supports a navy is assured of greeting from men who were born under the flag which it floats The activity of the Greaks in this city a few years ago when their country was fighting Turkey called attention to the fact that it was not only large in numbers, but also included some very wealthy men. The Greek restaurants in New York, however, are typical only of the less prosperous Greeks. There are several such places in the side streets cast of Park row between the Bridge and Chatham Square. They are located in basements and the signs announcing the prices of various dishes, and possibly conveying the information that the proprietor is not responsible for hats and overcoats, are printed in Greek letters. A man who went to one of these restaurants not long ago noticed that the Greek with whom he was talking was studying his waist-coat very closely. Finally, the Greek pointed to a college Greek letter pin which the man was wearing, and asked what it was. He was very much interested in the explanation, but it was apparent that he did not take much stock in it. He believed that the badge represented some political society of a secret nature and that it had a close connection with his own country. years ago when their country was fighting

t was a dangerous thing to offer to answer any juestions that might be asked by members o he People's Institute who had listened to his lecture on sociology and English Literature. One of the very best orators in this city spoke on a popular subject at Cooper Union severa months ago and he made the mistake of aton a popular subject at Cooper Union several months ago and he made the mistake of attempting to answer a question that was shouted at him from the audience. His reply was the signal for questions from all parts of the house, and the pro-Boer orator, for the first time since he gained a reputation as a public speaker lost his temper and failed to score a success. Mr. Martin's request for questions on Saturday night was followed by several which he evaded and finally one man asked him to name any good woman of Shakespeare's plays, and he named Intila. The questioner interrupted him with the insinuation that Portia was no lady because she had donned men's clothes, and when the lecturer spoke of Ophelia the doubter asserted that she was not to be considered because she was crazy. Another man wanted to know why the lecturer had passed over George Eliot and Charles Kingsley, 'noblemen,'' and wasted his time on Thomas Hardy. The man who asks questions at such meetings goes primed for the job, and it is the experience of men who task for information. He questions to show his own knowledge and to confuse the lecturer.

An examining physician for a life insurance company, in speaking of the death of a wealthy brewer, was quoted last week as saying that brewers and liquor dealers are considered, as brewers and liquor dealers are considered, as a class, to be very bad risks, no matter how healthy they seem to be when examined. Some of the life insurance companies refuse to issue policies to them. The physician said that he didn't mean to intimate that as a class the browers were intemperate, but that tasting a little here and a little there all during the day usually charged their systems with more alcohol than was safe. Bartenders, as a class, are as sturdy a looking lot of men as the policemen, and yet because of their gradual absorption of alcohol they are put down as bad risks. The rating of risks is not a matter of guess work with the insurance companies. It is their business to know as accurately as they may from carefully kept statistics just what the death rate is in varifous pursuits. It happens sometimes, however, that the examiners make mistakes. A Brooklyn man celebrated his ninety-third birthday last week by writing to an insurance company which issued a policy to him many years ago and calling to their attention the fact that he was twice rejected by their examiner as a bad risk before they accepted him. Only six or seven other policyholders of this company who were accepted when this man was are still alive. An officer of one of the big companies said several days ago that life insurance now was largely a matter of statistics which were piling up all the time and reducing the margin of guesswork. Certain causes produce certain effects, and one of the most potent influences on a man's health is his daily work.

If the Bermuda growers of lilies have broken a class, to be very bad risks, no matter how

If the Bermuda growers of lilies have broken faith with the New York florists, as some of the latter allege, the flower-buying public will profit by it at Easter time. The florists who imported the bulbs and who now learn that the Bermuda growers intend to send several ships loaded with cut lilles here in time for the Easter market appreciate the fact that such a supply would break the market. Growing flowers for the Easter market is not a sure business, even with the best florists. A very small miscalculation will result either in forcing the flowers too soon or in delaying their blooming until the Easter deresult either in forcing the flowers too soon or in delaying their blooming until the Easter demand is over. In either event the flowers are a heavy loss. Bermuda has turnished New York florists with Illy bulbs for many years, and occasionally when the demand has been greater than the supply cut flowers have been shipped from there. Several years ago a vessel, well loaded, with Illies, left Bermuda just in time to reach New York before Easter. The flowers had been soid in advance. Unfortunately, for the purchaser, however, the ship ran into a terrifle storm which delayed her a day and a half, and when the Illies were landed from other sources. The belated Illies were almost given away. Belgium and Holland each grows Illies in large quantities and exports the bulbs so that the New York florists are safe in threatening to retailate if Bermuda ships flowers by ordering their bulbs elsewhere.

complained bitterly last week because five men whose names are known all over the United States were among his regular patrons when they came to New York. Four of these men are prizefighters and the fifth man is not. Personally, the fifth man is not only unobjectionable, but he has such a pleasing address that he makes political friends wherever he goes. It is the principles which he represents that make him an undesirable guest at this hotel when he comes in his official capacity. The four prizefighters are men who behave themselves in public and if they came alone no hotel would object to them. The objection to them, as to the fifth man, is largely based on the crowd which follows them. "These men and a few others like them who have occasionally stayed at my hotel," said the proprietor, "have injured my business very much. They are all right in themselves, but their followers are sometimes queer, and men who come to town with their families don't want to stay at the same hotel with them. Now, what am I going to do about it? I can tell the prizefighters that my house is filled, but I cannot refuse the fifth man on any such plea." The proprietor of a hotel farther up Broadway warned the prizefighters avear ago that he did not want them at his hotel and he was made the target for some broad abuse. When Squire Abingdon Baird came over to this country a few years ago with a reputation for wealth he fooled the proprietor of a high-cines hotel not many miles from New York in a way that gave the hotel a black eye for several months. Baird engaged a suite of comms, and when he arrived with a train of prizefighters, bottle holders and sporting men the proprietor nearly fainted. It was too late to back out, however, and Baird's party made night lively at the hotel while they stayed there. These are things that happen occasionally to every hotel, but precautions are usually taken to prevent their repetition. Blily Meliony's feat of engaging a supper at the firmswick Hotel for the mob that attended his annual ball in his old dance hall a few vers ago was an object les whose names are known all over the United States were among his regular patrons when

The judgment for twelve cents damages which a young man recovered last week in a suit against a police captain whose men arrested The Rapid Transit Commission will meet today and if there is the necessary attendance
for action on matters involving big expenditures, the resolution directing the construction
of pipe galleries on Eim street will be passed.

William Phelan was appointed by Engineer
Hendrick's esterday as inspector, for the commission, of Contractor Pilkington's work on the
Bioecker street sewer.

There is nothing I wish more," said Contractor John B. McDonald yesterday, "than to
get well under way this month. I expect to
make a good start before May, and a good
start will mean the beginning of the work at
several points a ong the line. But we have got
toe xamine all these hids for sub-contracts before we will know just where we're at."

IRON STOLEN FROM SANDY HOOK.

John Butler Arrested Along With Erickson
and Sorenson.

John Butler, an iron dealer of West Fourteenth street, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy United States Marshal Cook,
on a warrant issued, by Commissioner Shields
on complaint of Lieut Charles Jamison of the
United States Ordnance Department. Lieut,
Jamison says in his complaint that on Feb, 6
last Butler feloniously secreted 33,600 pounds
of steel and iron stolen from the fortifications
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at the time that the property he received was
stolen.

Butler was taken before Commissioner
Shields, who held him in \$1,500 bail for examihim with many others in a raid on the Haymarket recalled to a lawyer who was in court

346 Brossiway in his office and was fined \$10. Camptell, Berkley said, had accused him of unprofessional conduct and of being a "cheap man." Justice Jacobs said that the provocation was unfoubtedly great

MOVEON, NOW, THE PROFESH SUPERFLUOUS LAGS THE AC-TORR

IN FOURTEENTH STREET. derchants of the Neighborhood Complain of Him and the Police Have Orders to Keep the North Sidewalk Clear. President Bernard J. York of the Police Board got this letter yesterday:

We, the undersigned property owners and merchants in Fourteenth stree, north side, between Union Square and Irving place, do respectfully comthe idle actors congregating about the entrance to our places of business, expectorating in the street, using foul language and insulting ladies, which is very detrimental to our business interests, and we should consider it a great favor if you will kindly have the nuisance abated. We have complained time and timeagain to the captain of the precinct, but he states that he is powerless unless an arrest is made. These actors stand around on the street corners in such numbers that it is exceedingly disagreeable and difficult for any lady or reputable person to elbow his or her way through the crowd. Trusting that we may have relief, we are, very truly yours.

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WINTEROTH & CO. Commissioner York sent the complaint to Chief Devery. Chief Devery rang up the East Twenty-second street police station on the telephone and told Acting Captain Gray that the nuisance must be abated immediately. The answer came back that it would be. Gray sent two policemen out with instructions to keep the block clear of "mashers," and to arrest any man who insisted upon standing in one place

man who insisted upon standing in one place for more than a minute or two. The two policemen went down to Fourteenth street and kept things moving.

"It was fun to see how one policeman can chase a big crowd," said one of the storekeepers, "The policeman simply declare! to the crowd of men gathered in front of my place that he would put them under arrest if they did not move on. Some of them told him that they had a pull and that he would be sent up among the goats in a day or two. But they moved. Most of them say they are actors. Some of them are jugglers, others are clog-dancers and a few are performers on the slack wire. The song and dance men are the worst nuisance of the lot. They pose as if they expected every woman who came along to recognize them."

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"Something had to be done," said Mr. Steinway, "for it got so bad that it was almost worth a woman's life to pass along on the north side of the street. I am no enemy of the theatrical profession, but the men who called themselves actors out of work and who congregated on the block seemed to think that they owned the street. They were an entirely different class from the legitimate actors that I am acquainted with. I have repeatedly tried to have these vocalists and vaudeville fellows find other quarters, but they would not go. There is plenty of room in Union Square Park for them to exchange their hard-luck stories, and they should have gone over there and saved us the trouble of making a complaint."

A Sun reporter tried to get the opinion of some of the men who had been told to "move on." The attempt was unsuccessful. No one could be found who would admit that he was a sample of the nuisance complained of. Two men who were charged with lounging on the street were arreigned in court yesterday, but were discharged, as there was no complainant against them. They were arrested for the purpose of warning others to keep off the block.

PLEA FOR CANAL NURVEY BILL. Produce Exchange Protests Against Per-

mitting the Measure to Die. A protest against permitting the Canal Survey bill to die in committee was telegraphed vesterday to Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., Chairman of the Republican State Committee, by E. T. of the Republican State Committee, by E. T. Barrows, President of the New York Produce Exchange. The despatch reads as follows:

"The retention of Canal Survey bill so that it may be smothered in committee for political purposes is considered a great injustice to the commercial organizations of this city and Buffalo. These organizations have made patient and intelligent representations both to you and the Committee on Ways and Means of the absolute need of the passage of this bill in the interests of the business communities of this State. We request you to urge the immediate passage of the bill, so that it may be acted upon before the adjournment of the present Legislature.

SLEUTHS CHARGED WITH EXTORTION

Porubsky Says He Paid Them \$200 for No. Appearing Against a Prisoner. Detectives Michael Foley and Edward M. Griffin of Bayonne were arrested yesterday on charges of extortion and obtaining money on was issued on the affidavit of Andrew Porubsky, a Bayonne saloonkeeper, who swore that he had paid the two detectives \$200 as a bribe he had paid the two detectives \$200 as a bribe to induce them not to appear against oseph Baka, whom they arrested last Christmas on the charge of setting fire to the Boman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist at Bayonne. The detectives deny that they ever received any money frem Porubsky and say that Baka was discharged because there was no evidence against him. Baka says that when he was released his wife told that she had given Porubsky \$200, he having told her that he needed the money to bribe the officers. Baka said that as he was innocent he did not see any need for bribing the officers. He placed the matter in the hands of a lawyer and Porubsky returned the \$200.

FLAVELL WASN'T DRUNK.

Evidence of Five Policemen Discredited in

Brooklyn Special Sessions. Edward F. Flavell, who was arrested on March I while trundling an empty baby carriage through the streets of Brooklyn, was honorably discharged in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday. The arrest was made by Detectives Desmond and Jepson, who charged the prisoner with intoxication when they got him to the police station. Dr. Howard B. Spier was called in, and, although he declared that Flavell did not show the slightest sign of intoxication, the prisoner was obliged to spend the night in a cell. At the trial yesterday Desmond and Jepson and Policeman Hofferman, Roundsman Sullivan and Sergt. Wilson all testified that Flavell was hopelessly drunk when brought to the station. Alexander G. Nicholson, Charles Paul, Dr. Spier and Miss Louise Paul testified in favor of the prisoner. His friends say that he has not drunk anything intoxicating in years. honorably discharged in the Court of Special

His Detachment From Duty as Governor of Guam Made at His Own Request.

WASHINGTON, April 4 - It was explained at the Navy Department to-day that the detachment of Capt. Richard P. Leary from duty as Governor of Guam was made in accordance with Capt. Leary's own request, and in corroboration of this statement the following letter was shown. The SUN reporter:

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"GOVERNMENT HOUSE, AGANA, GUAM, Feb. 8, 1900.5"

"Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.
"I have the honor to request that upon the expiration of my sea cruise as a Captain on the 24th of July, 1900, which will make my two and a half years. I be releved from my present duties and ordered to my home. With the lifteen months immediately prior to my appointment commanding the ram Katahadia. I will have had forty-fly months of almost continuous sea service, and as my presence will be needed at home for domestic reasons. I respectfully request a prompt relief. Very respectfully, "R. P. LEARY, Governor of Guam."

Bynum's Nomination Again Discussed in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The nomination of W. D. Bynum of indiana to be a member of the Board of General Appraisers was again discussed by the Senate in executive session this afternoon, Senators Jones, Vest, Berry and this atternoon, Senators Jones, vest, Berryand Teller arguing against confirmation on the ground that he was not a Democrat. A motion in effect to temporarily defer consideration of the nomination, which was resisted by the friends of Mr. Bynum, was carried by a vote of

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STORY OF MILLER'S SYNDICATE. NO IGHER CRITICI'M FOR THEM

Told to the Jury by District Attorney-Began in a Sunday School, He Says. The jury that is to decide whether William F. Miller, manager of the Franklin Syndicate, s guilty of the charge of grand larceny in the first degree in having fraudulently obtained \$1,000 from Mrs Catharine Molser was sworn in by Judge Hurd in the County Court in Brooklyn shortly before noon yesterday. District Attorney John F. Clarke used up the rest of the day in outlining his case to the jury. He said that Miller began the swindle in the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church by

inducing a group of young Sunday school com-

rades to club together and give their money to

him. He promised them 10 per cent. a week and paid it. "Once started," said Mr. Clarke, "the scheme ran itself; it became a stampede, a frenzy from which there was no escape. Miller could not have stopped it if he had wanted to when the business in Floyd street was at its height. The depositors would not have permitted it Had he shut his doors they would have broken them down and forced him to take their

Mr. Clarke said he had found by going over

Miller's private papers that the syndicate had 14,000 depositors and that \$1,150,000 had been paid into it. He also would show by Miller's paid into it. He also would show by Miller's own books that the syndicate had received during the last month of its operations \$622.-646.34, and that only \$188,000 had been paid out. This left a balance of \$434,000.

"But what became of it?" tasked Mr. Clarke. "Schlessinger, who, by the way, makes his appearance about this time, was to receive one-third of the profits, while Miller received the other two-thirds. Who Schlessinger represented I do not know, but he secured his portion, which left Miller over \$300,000."

Mr. Clarke said that one check, dated Nov. 9, was made out to Schlessinger for \$4,500 and indorsed by Col. Robert A. Ammon. "Something must have been wrong about this time." he declared, "when a legal fee of this amount had to be paid. Miller went to Wells, Fargo & Co.," continued Mr. Clarke, "and told them to purchase \$45,000 worth of Government bonds, and he also gave a similar order to his broker. After this was done he drew out his balance from Wells, Fargo & Co., amounting to \$200,000, and on Nov. 24 fled. Mr. Clarke said that on Nov. 23 Col. Ammon had a check for \$10,000 cashed, and this suggested that something was about to happen, as it was a large sum to pay a lawyer.

"The something did happen," said Mr. Clarke. "Mr. House was sent for and when he arrived at Col. Ammon's office he was told that Miller was a bankrupt and wanted to turn over all his goods and chattels to an assignee for the benefit of his creditors. But at this time he had a little bag in his possession which contained \$200,000. This he did not turn over. Mr. Dalley was appointed assignee and Miller departed and remained away until he was arrested as a fugitive from justice in Montreal." own books that the syndicate had received

WANTED THE LAW TO ENRICH HIM.

Dorsey's Suits Against Ferry Companies for

\$62,700 Penalties Dismissed. Charles R Dorsey recently began actions against the Union Ferry Company, the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company and the New York and College Point Ferry Company to recover \$62,700 as penalties for violation of the law. The plaintiff averred that the law directs that ferry companies must display conspicuously on the boats the rates of ferriage. and for each day that the law is violated a pendefendants violated the law daily from August 14, 1899, to March 10, 1890. The defendants applied to Supreme Court Justice Maddox in Brooklyn yesterday to dismiss the suits on the ground that the complaints had not been filed according to law. After they had been served with the moving papers their counsel searched the County Clerk's offices in Manhattan and Brooklyn, but were unable to find that the complaints had been filed. Justice Maddox dismissed the cases with \$10 costs in each suit. As there are seven distinct actions, the plaintiff will have to pay \$70.

GIRL THIEF IN A CHURCH. Caught Taking a Pocketbook Left in a Pew

-Companion Got Away. Nellie Cronin, 13 years old, who lives with her grandmother at 25 Chapel street, was arrested yesterday morning. in the pro-Cathedral in Jay street, Brooklyn, after stealing a decoy pocketbook which have been left in one of the pews by the sexton. There was another girl with Nellie at the time, but she made her girl with Nellie at the time, but she made her escape by creeping under the pews. During the Lenten services there have been numerous robberies of pocketbooks in the church and the sexton put the pocketbook in one of the pews and kept watch in the gallery. Nellie and her companion went in and out of several pews until they reached the one in the seat of which the book had been laid. Then they seemed to settle down to their devotions. Nellie admitted that she had taken several pocketbooks, but said that the other girl had "put her up to it." Two weeks ago she was arrested for robbing a flat near her home, but was allowed to go. Her regular morning trips to the church, her grandmother thought, were to do penance for the theft.

Church, West Seventy-sixth Street. The New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church began its one hundred and first annual session yesterday morning at St. Anwill continue in session until next Tuesday. will continue in session until next Tuesday. Bishop H. W. Warren of Denver presided. About 200 members are in attendance out of the total membership of about 290.

To-day there will be conference meetings at 8.30, 9.00 and 11.00 A. M.; at 3.00 P. M. the anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and at 8.90 P. M. a reception to the members of the conference and lay electoral delegates by the Methodist Social Union at Grace Church in West 104th street. Gov. Roosevelt is to be at the reception.

Molineux's Counsel Sees Judge Earl in Herkimer.

HERRIMER, N. Y., April 4.—Bartow S. Weeks of New York, sentor counsel for Roland B. Molineux, recently convicted of murder in the Molineux, recently convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of Mrs. Kate J. Adams, was in Herkimer several hours to-day. He took dinner at the Falmer House, and while there called on former Judge of the Court of Armea's Robert Earl, who has apartments in the hotel. It is thought here that Mr. Weeks came to Herkimer to consult Judge Earl with reference to the appeal of the Molineux case. Mr. Weeks's name does not appear on the hotel register.

Depressed Tracks on Atlantic Avenue. Mayor Van Wyck will give a hearing to-day on the Wagner bill, which provides for the de-pression of the Long Island Railway tracks on Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, A big delegation of Brooklynites will attend to urge the Mayor to approve the bill.

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PATERSON, N. J., April 4.-Th. forty- vird annual session of the Newark Co. once of the Methodist Episcopal Church began at the Market Street Church this morning. Bishop John H. Vincent, who presided, intimated to that he could speak twenty-five minutes on "The Higher Criticism." not being aware of the Conference rule which limits visitors to ten-minute speeches. Prof. Sheldon's purpose was to defend his institution against the charges levelled at one of its professors on account of his teachings. He said among other things: "I believe that if a grand inquisition got at our ministers three-fourths of them could be convicted of heresy upon some point." There were murmurs of disapproval and protest from every part of the gathering. They continued, and when the speaker attempted to go en only those near him could catch his words. He added: "Yes, and an old divine to whom I talked on the subject told me to make it ninetenths and I would have it nearer right." Murmurs of protest continued, and at the ex-

tenths and I would have it nearer right."

Murmurs of protest continued, and at the expiration of the tau minutes allowed by the rules J. P. Hensey arose and called the speaker to order. There was a storm of protest against allowing him to continue. Finally the Rev. Dr. H. A. Buttz, head of Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, out of courtesy to a brother educator, asked that the unanimous consent of the Conference be given to the continuance of the address. There were a few assents, but the majority of the members were silent. The speaker stuck tenaciously to his subject until Bishop Vincent rapped him to order at the expiration of twenty-five minutes. Then hall a dozen members were on their feet in a moment seeking recognition and effering motions and resolutions. The Rev. T. H. Landon was recognized, and he offered a resolution that a vote of thanks be extended to the speaker for his "common sense exposition of the Higher Criticism." The resolution was voted down and it was afterward discovered that Mr. Landon had offered the resolution in a spirit of sarcasm and for the purpose of securing an expression of disapproval.

The Rev. Mr. Robertson of Dublin, delegate from the Irish Wesleyan Conference to the General Conference which will meet in Chicago next month, aroused much enthusiasm by his reference to the visit of Queen Victoria to Ireland. He declared that the Stars and Striness and the Union Jack would be blended in their decorations in Dublin.

The Rev. Daniel Halleron presided at the anniversary of the Centenary Fund and Preachers' Aid Society to-night. The principal address of the evening was by the Rev. Donald Sage Mackay of the Collegiate Reformed Church, Flifth avenue, New York. He talked of "What the Church of Sectland Has Done for Its Worn-Out Ministers."

DR. DEWEY TO SUCCEED DR. STORES.

Church of the Pilgrims Sends a Unanimous Call to Him. The Rev. Dr. Harry Pinneo Dewey of the South Congregational Church of Concord, N. H., received a unanimous call last night to become the successor of the Rev. Dr. Richard Salter Storrs as pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn. The meeting of the congregation was presided over by the Rev. E. H. Byington, pastor of Pilgrim Chapel. The committee of twenty-one, of which Mr. George P. Stockwell is chairman, made its report. It had had the names of fifty seven clergymen before it for consideration. Of alty of \$50 is prescribed. He alleged that the defendants violated the law daily from August sub-committees of from one to fifteen. One comchurch; a committee of seven heard him preach at Amherst College, and another committee of

at Amherst College, and another committee of five heard him in his own church. The committee was unanimous in its recommendation that a call be extended to Dr. Dewey at once.

A letter from the Rev. Dr. Storrs was then read, in which he said he hoped the church would estend a unanimous and enthusiastic call. He wrote that while he had never met him, yet he had heard that Dr. Dewey was a man well fitted for the Church of the Pilgrims.

Deacon Charles L. Woodbridge moved that a call be extended to Dr. Dewey. S. B. Chittenden, Charles A. Hull, John E. Leech, F. W. Moss, Joseph E. Brown and the Rev. Mr. Byington spoke of Dr. Dewey's great work as a Congregational minister in New Hampshire The motion was carned by a rising vole. The committee of twenty one was authorized to communicate with Dr. Dewey at once, and lafe last night a telegram was sent to him. Subsequently there was a meeting of the society, which ratified the action of the church, and the question of salary was left with power to the trustees and the committee of twenty-one. Photographs of Dr. Dewey were handed around.

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It was announced that Dr. Dewey would preach at both services in the Church of the Pilgrims on Sunday, April 22—It was also ennounced that he would accept the call if it was unanimous. If it is 37 years old, and was graduated from Williams College in the class of 1883. He studied in the Andover Theological Seminary, and his first and only charge was the South Congregational Church of Concorl. N. H., where he has been for twelve years.

NEW YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

Gov. Louisbury Welcomes the Clergymen to Danbury-First Day's Session. DANBURY, Conn., April 4.- The members of the New York East Conference were greeted by Gov. George E. Lounsbury of Connecticut at the opening of the forty-second annual session of the conference this morning. Mayor Charles Kerr gave the address of welcome to the city. Bishop John F. Hurst of Washing-ton presided at the opening session of the conference. Dr. A. B. Sanford of New York conference. Dr. A. B. Sanford of New York city was elected Secretary and the Rev. J. B. Slater of Brooklyn Statistical Secretary. This afternoon the conference devoted its time to the conference." Dr. B. M. Adams of Bethel presided. Addresses bearing upon the subject under consideration were made by the Rev. C. S. Wing of Brooklyn, the Rev. S. L. Beiler of Norwalk, the Rev. E. A. Blake of Norwalk and the Rev. Gartner S. Eldridge of New Haven. Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Hall of New York city addressed the conference upon "The Ideals of Early Methodism."

This evening the anniversary of the Church Extension and Freedman's Aid Societies was observed, the Rev. Dr. John Rhey Thompson of Brooklyn presiding.

Dr. Hillis and the Chicago Presbytery.

The Rev. Dr. Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Church, said last night that there were no new developments in his controversy with the Chicago Presbytery, and that he had so far made no arrangements to meet a committee of that body at Buffalo or elsewhere in regard to the withdrawal of his resignation from the

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